

From: Daniel Collins
To: June Cai
Date: May 12, 2004 3:04:53 PM
Subject: Re: Salem/Hope Creek update needed today

June -

Please see the attached response to your request for a status summary.

If you wish to discuss this, please contact me at 301.415.1427.

Thanks,
Dan Collins

>>> June Cai 05/12/2004 12:21:23 PM >>>

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CC: Clare Goodman; Daniel Holody; David Trimble; Lisamarie Jarriel

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From: Daniel Collins
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Date: May 12, 2004 12:59:49 PM
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I have a conference call between 1 and 2. I'll get to your question when I get back from the conference call.

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In a January 28, 2004, letter, the NRC Region I staff notified PSEG (the licensee for the Salem and Hope Creek facilities) of interim results of an ongoing NRC special review of the work environment at Salem and Hope Creek. The letter outlined areas of NRC concerns, particularly as they relate to the handling of emergent equipment issues and associated operational decision making. On March 18, 2004, the NRC held a management meeting with PSEG, which was open to the public for observation, at which PSEG summarized its plans to assess the work environment at Salem and Hope Creek. The NRC questioned PSEG on certain aspects of its plan, including how specific events and discrete issues would be reviewed.

The licensee formed an independent assessment team that conducted interviews of plant staff and an extensive document review. That team's findings are consistent with other recent surveys. PSEG is now developing an action plan to address the team's findings and improve the work environment at Salem and Hope Creek. NRC Region I staff has been following these activities closely and will be scheduling a meeting with PSEG in the near future to discuss the results of PSEG's assessment. NRC Region I staff will continue to maintain a focus on PSEG's progress in implementing planned actions to address issues that might arise regarding the work environment, as well as actions taken or planned to strengthen the sites' corrective action programs. Additionally, NRC management will continue to make visits on-site and NRC staff will continue to conduct inspections to oversee selected aspects of PSEG actions to improve the work environment.